

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 15, 2009

SENATE BILL

No. 213

Introduced by Senator Florez

February 23, 2009

An act to amend Section 19984 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to gambling.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 213, as amended, Florez. Gambling establishments: proposition players.

The Gambling Control Act provides for the licensure of certain individuals and establishments involved in various gambling activities, and for the regulation of those activities, by the California Gambling Control Commission. Existing law provides for the enforcement of those activities by the Department of Justice. Existing law allows a licensed gambling establishment to contract with a 3rd party for the purpose of providing proposition player services, subject to specified conditions.

This bill would *prohibit the duration of a contract between a gambling establishment and a 3rd-party provider of proposition player services from exceeding 2 years*. The bill would provide that nothing in the Gambling Control Act shall be construed to prohibit a 3rd-party provider of proposition player services, or a player employed by such a provider, from servicing more than one table at a time.

The bill would delete an obsolete provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 19984 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

19984. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a licensed gambling establishment may contract with a third party for the purpose of providing proposition player services, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Any agreement, contract, or arrangement between a gambling establishment and a third-party provider of proposition player services shall be approved in advance by the department, and in no event shall a gambling establishment or the house have any interest, whether direct or indirect, in funds wagered, lost, or won.

(b) The duration of an agreement, contract, or arrangement between a gambling establishment and a third-party provider of proposition player services shall not exceed two years.

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(c) The commission shall establish reasonable criteria for, and require the licensure and registration of, any person or entity that provides proposition player services to gambling establishments pursuant to this section, including owners, supervisors, and players. Those employed by a third-party provider of proposition player services, including owners, supervisors, observers, and players, shall wear a badge which clearly identifies them as proposition players whenever they are present within a gambling establishment. The commission may impose licensing requirements, disclosures, approvals, conditions, or limitations as it deems necessary to protect the integrity of controlled gambling in this state, and may assess and collect reasonable fees and deposits as necessary to defray the costs of providing this regulation and oversight.

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(d) The department, pursuant to regulations of the commission, is empowered to perform background checks, financial audits, and other investigatory services as needed to assist the commission in regulating third-party providers of proposition player services, and may assess and collect reasonable fees and deposits as necessary to defray the costs of providing this regulation and oversight. The department may adopt emergency regulations in order to implement this subdivision.

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1 (e) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a
2 third-party provider of proposition player services, or a player
3 employed by such a provider, from servicing more than one table
4 at a time.

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